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For: BLEACH-FIXING CONCENTRATE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2003 (Paper No. 13), the applicants make the following election. The applicants elect Group I claims 13-16, 19-21, 25-31, 33-43, 44-45, and 48-58, with traverse. The applicants believe there is no undue burden on the Examiner to search all of the claims. In addition, the Examiner has required applicants to elect a single disclosed species. The Examiner refers at page 2 of the Office Action from B.1 through B.7. the applicants make the following election of species:

B.1. = B.3.

NH₄Fe (III) EDTA (Ex. 1, 2)

B.2.

Ammonium thiosulfate (Ex. 1, 2)

B.4. = B.5.

Ammonium hydrogen sulphite (Ex. 1, 2)

B.6.

Ammonium dihydrogen phosphate (Ex. 2; BX 3, BX 6, BX7)

B.7.

Citric acid (Ex. 2; BX 6, BX 7).

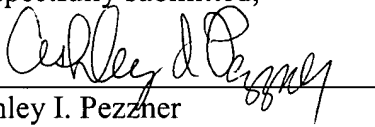
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Upon determining the claims are allowable, the applicants respectfully request that the remaining claims are rejoined.

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For the reasons set forth above, Applicants believe that the claims are patentable over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and a prompt and favorable action is solicited. The applicants believe that these claims are in condition for allowance, however, if the Examiner disagrees, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (302) 888-6270.

Respectfully submitted,

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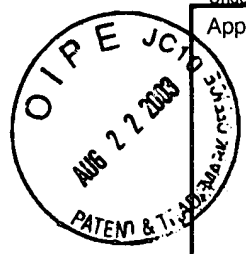
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